



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Wet Weather Slows Harvest

Agricultural Summary

For the week ending October 4, average weekly temperatures ranged from two degrees to nine degrees below normal. Above normal precipitation was recorded at most stations. Major agricultural activities included irrigating, caring for livestock, planting winter wheat and harvesting alfalfa, dry beans, and potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Reports indicate topsoil moisture to be 7% very short, 27% short, 64% adequate, and 2% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2009	2008	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	83	52	79
Potato Vines Dying/Killed	99	98	100
Dry Beans Harvested	94	84	90
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	61	56	74
Apples Harvested	24	33	59
Onions Harvested	95	88	80

Field Crop Report

Farm operators had good harvesting weather in the beginning of the week. A cool front moved into the state later in the week, bringing lower temperatures and significant precipitation. Freezes were reported in several locations in the state. Corn and potato frost damage was reported by the Jerome county extension office. Winter wheat planting and emergence is 63 and 18 percent complete, respectively. Potato and sugarbeet harvest is 53 and 13 percent complete, respectively.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

No livestock problems were reported. Range and pasture condition is 86 percent in fair to excellent condition. The third and fourth cutting of alfalfa is at 90 and 61 percent complete, respectively.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	1	13	35	48	3
Potatoes	0	1	3	85	11
Irr. Water Supply	0	3	9	72	16

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	52	55	42	56	77	77	67	69	67	79	73	75	63	65	60
Emerged	2	--	2	20	26	32	14	19	19	39	31	37	18	15	19
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	7	4	7	15	--	12	12	4	12	13	2	11
Potato															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	97	93	94	50	49	52	50	44	43	53	48	49
Alfalfa															
Third Cutting	NA	NA	NA	100	96	99	95	100	100	80	85	91	90	93	96

Avg (2004 – 2008); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 4, 2009 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	78	35	50	-7	0.50	0.23	11.29	0.29	3885	2224	79
Grangeville	87	33	50	-2	0.28	-0.14	14.52	-1.12	3757	2102	507
Lewiston	79	36	55	-4	0.05	-0.13	5.64	-1.46	5157	3247	425
Porthill	74	33	47	-3	0.46	0.18	11.68	1.57	3533	1903	255
Winchester	80	29	44	-6	0.14	-0.21	12.59	-2.32	3081	1578	481
Southwest											
Boise	83	29	50	-8	0.55	0.41	8.86	2.78	4766	2892	201
Emmett	81	29	51	-5	0.23	0.08	7.21	1.19	4699	2878	297
Glenns Ferry	91	28	50	-7	2.68	2.58	11.13	6.49	4724	2897	301
Grandview	91	27	50	-7	0.68	0.55	4.46	0.42	4706	2840	-28
Nampa	83	30	50	-8	0.15	0.01	4.17	-1.04	4704	2841	146
Parma	78	30	49	-6	0.11	-0.03	4.30	-1.4	4842	2955	433
South Central											
Fairfield	83	17	42	-9	1.38	1.24	9.08	2.34	2881	1375	-85
Malta	87	24	47	-7	1.21	1.05	8.74	1.38	3620	1950	-62
Picabo	83	22	46	-5	1.19	1.05	8.99	2.75	3516	1954	371
Rupert	87	27	47	-7	1.11	0.97	6.38	1.05	3779	2097	32
Twin Falls	89	29	48	-6	0.87	0.73	7.31	1.86	4093	2344	374
East											
Aberdeen	84	26	47	-4	0.60	0.44	8.30	2.6	3557	1926	193
Ashton	81	22	45	-4	0.33	0.05	11.26	0.27	2863	1341	10
Fort Hall	87	27	48	-5	0.99	0.78	9.52	2.15	3569	1937	-29
Idaho Falls	84	27	50	-2	0.67	0.48	8.15	1.4	3676	2002	167
Lava Hot Springs	83	23	47	-6	0.42	0.21	11.7	4.75	3471	1853	-113
Montevieu	77	23	45	-6	0.40	0.26	6.29	-0.05	3141	1570	-155
Preston	82	26	50	-4	0.80	0.52	11.23	2.29	3898	2170	105
Rexburg	82	23	46	-5	0.50	0.29	9.32	1.07	3069	1489	66

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.